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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Office of Training Briefing - Language School, Interdepartmental Seminar and Defense Intelligence School on 21 January 1965

1. Present were: Colonel White, Mr. Bannerman, [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] outlined Agency support to the Defense Intelligence School, including participation in three present and two anticipated courses. One of the new courses is to be a fifteen-week program approximately equivalent to the Agency JOT Program. The Agency provides a wide variety of substantive guidance and support to the school. During the year ending 1 September 1964, there were 130 presentations by Agency speakers. [REDACTED] felt that our speakers have made many good friends for the Agency within the Intelligence Community. A further increase in the requirement for Agency speakers as new courses continue to be developed was mentioned as a possible future problem area. In response to a question by Colonel White about the DIS attitude toward CIA, [REDACTED] replied that DIS recognizes the Agency as a co-equal partner and there are no conflicts between them in the teaching area.

3. [REDACTED] pointed out that Mr. McCone is considered to be one of the strongest supporters of the National Interdepartmental Seminar. In addition to one regular faculty member, the Agency provides lecturers and panelists. The cost to the Agency is \$36,000 to \$38,000 per year which is 12 1/2 per cent of the total cost. The Agency provides 8 students per session or a total of 48 each year. The principal difficulty in the seminar program has resulted from the fact that participating agencies are not placing their key personnel in the course and are not meeting their quotas. Arranging the attendance of Chiefs of Station of the DD/P has also been somewhat difficult, but to date one-third of all Chiefs of Station and Chiefs of Base have attended the course. Colonel White felt that the DD/P was doing quite well and asked how many Chiefs of Support have attended the seminar. [REDACTED] replied that five Chiefs of Support have attended.

4. [REDACTED] provided details and statistical trends regarding the Agency Language Training Program. During Fiscal Year 1964 there were 316 students in the Voluntary Language Training Program and 595 students in directed training for

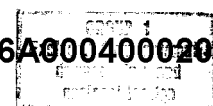
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a total of 911 students studying 26 languages. The Agency has trained about 1000 students each year for the last 10 years. We are not teaching more students each year, but are teaching more classes. Although tutorial training as such is decreasing, there were 56 classes in FY 1964 which contained one man each and there are already 60 such classes in FY 1965. In response to a question by Mr. Bannerman as to whether we could encourage the trend to larger classes by offering courses on a more stringently controlled schedule, it was pointed out that this probably could be achieved only by eliminating tutorial training. While we probably should not refuse to offer language training as long as we still have the capability, perhaps the tutorial arrangement is, in fact, too readily available. Mr. Bannerman suggested that the solution may lie in DD/P evaluating its present capabilities against its future requirements and making its over-all plans accordingly. In response to a question as to the changes which have resulted from the elimination of incentive pay, Colonel White was told that there has been a definite decrease in the Voluntary Language Training Program with about 50 per cent of students dropping out of courses before completion. The languages now being offered are the more common ones such as French, Spanish, Italian, German, and Russian. Colonel White asked that the VLTP be studied to determine whether it is a marginal program which should be eliminated.

5. There was a general discussion regarding a long-term language training program for the Agency. The State Department language training program has been in full effect since 1963. It is a long-range program which applies to all Foreign Service Officers. The percentage of actual compliance varies by language, but the State Department is, nevertheless, making some consistent progress. Mr. Bannerman asked about the extent to which OTR is working with the Clandestine Services in making suggestions for a long-term Agency language training program. [REDACTED] pointed out that the Plans Directorate is not under great pressure now because their language proficiency is relatively good. He indicated that while the DD/P may already be behind in some of the harder languages, the problem is really one of the future. Mr. Bannerman pointed out that OTR would do well to work the planning problem out with the DD/P so that the DD/P solution will not be incompatible with OTR resources. It was mutually agreed that while long-range planning was in one sense a DD/P concern, it is certainly a matter of major interest to OTR as well. Colonel White asked for a formal report on Agency language planning and training. He asked that it be done in staff study format which could be sent forward to the Director if appropriate.

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